put out special programmes on the important issues before Parliament. As far as Press is concerned, facilities are provided for wide publicity to the proceedings in Parliament/ State legislatures.

(b) As far as the official media units are concerned, each media unit has its own internal arrangements for assessing, on a continuous basis, the reactions to its programmes with a view to improving them.

Special Central Assistance to Goa

611. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent on its attaining Statehood Goa is financially viable;

(b) if not, whether any special Central assistance to that State is being envisaged for its development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) On attainment of Statehood by Goa (w.e.f. 30.5.1987), Presidential Orders providing share in Central taxes of the order of Rs. 27 crores and Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of the order of Rs. 5.98 crores for 1987-88 have been issued. Share in Central taxes of Rs. 6.36 crores and Grants-under Article 275(1) Rs. 2.99 crores have already been released to the State Government. The State Government is managing its finances well. The State Government has not drawn any ways and means advance from the Reserve Bank of India so far and as on 20.7.1987, it had treasury bills with the RBI of the order of Rs. 7.36 crores.

Growth Rate in National Economy

612. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) The growth rate in national economy attained during the first two years of the current plan and that expected to be attained by the end of this plan;

(b) whether any target of growth rate has been planned to be attained by the 2000 A.D.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The growth rate in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost in the first year of the current Plan *i.e.* 1985-86 was 5.1 per cent as per CSO quick estimates. The tentative growth rate is estimated to be over 4.5 per cent in the second year of the plan *i.e.* 1986-87. A growth rate of 5 per cent is expected to be attained by the end of this Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) According to the Development Perspective of the Seventh Five Year Plan a target of 5 per cent growth rate has been planned to be attained by 2000 A.D. The Seventh Plan seeks to emphasise policies and programmes which will accelerate the growth in foodgrains production, increase employment opportunities and raise productivity. At the present stage of development, these three more immediate objectivs are central to the achievement of the long-term goals put forward in the development perspecitve.

Employment Potentials of Computerisation

613. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken in the country to find out whether progressive computerisation